

MACGILL HOUSE

A large residence which evolved in stages after the initial house was built in the 1860's. Examples of the various Victorian styles can be found in Towson and the Macgill House with its sharply pointed central gable and carved vergeboard exhibits the influence of the Gothic Revival. This building contributes greatly to this block of Towson which is one of the last relatively undisturbed neighborhoods in a rural town that has gone urban.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **M. C. Macgill House**

AND/OR COMMON
same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

104-106 Allegheny Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lee J. Stebbins

Telephone #: (301)823-1362

STREET & NUMBER

501 Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Baltimore County Courthouse**

Liber #: **R.J.S. 1360**

Folio #: **570**

STREET & NUMBER

Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

Maryland STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Fall, 1977</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house located on 104-106 Allegheny Ave. is a big, rambling, wooden frame structure, a mixture of the Gothic Revival and Queen Anne Styles of the Victorian period.

Primarily, as the result of the several additions that have been added to the house, the exteriors of the North, East and West facades have many characteristics of the Queen Anne Style. Throughout the exterior of the house, much attention has been given to ornamental design. It is a difficult house to describe, because of its design tendencies, particularly the East facade, as it reflects and uses wholeheartedly the freedom of style and design that distinguished the Queen Anne. Discarding any strict rules of symmetry, excepting the South facade, it rarely repeats itself in form, except for the repetition of several window types. Each facade creates a different feeling, a mass of textures, polygonal projections, recesses etc. There is also a natural mixture of textures due to the simultaneous use of shingles, clapboards... a variety of siding materials.

The house is set fairly close to Allegheny Ave. It is on a small lot for its size. There are two outbuildings on the property. One is a small gabled shed which appears to have been moved quite close to the next outbuilding, which at one time was a stable. This building, now containing eight garage spaces is 90'4" long. It has an outside end chimney on the South facade. Also on the upper South facade is a round arched window. On the West facade above the garage space are two dormers with two narrow windows three panes each.

There is a gothic style cast iron ^{FENCE WITH} gates around the house on the West, East and North facades.

The foundation around the entire house varies between common bond brick, smooth even stone and a rough stone. There is a beveled water table around the entire house.

Exterior South Facade: The South facade faces Allegheny Ave. and is fairly symmetrical. It creates a formal, decorative and most elaborate facade, which is consistent with it being the front of the house and on view by all.

It has a cross gable roof and appears to be 2½ stories high. The whole facade is covered with beveled clapboards.

The ½ story is 3 bays wide. On either side of the steep cross gable are 2 dormers with 2/2 round arched windows set in a gambrel shape. They are trimmed in a hoodmould. In the cross gable itself is a 2/2 segmental window with a segmental-shaped cornice with a key in the center over it. There is a carved vergeboard over the point of the cross gable. Above the center window is a round oculus acting as a vent.

The second story is 7 bays wide. There are 4 full length 4/1 windows descending from under the roof of the porch to the floor of the porch. The windows have architrave-like trim with a simple cornice on top. On either side are wooden louvered shutters. The 2 bay entrance is enclosed by an elaborate glass vestibule, which is cornered by fluted doric columns. The interior front door is a 1 pane door with paneled wood in the bottom. Next to it is a 1 pane window set on paneled wood. Above the two bays is

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1865-1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are many reasons why the Macgill house is significant. First, it is a mid 19th century building that evolved in three parts. Stylistically it is reflective of the change in architecture and in patterns of living from the 19th century through the 20th century. Being one of the early remaining structures in Towson, it is very representative of what Towson life was like before World War II, and before 20th century development was really begun. As the result of this development, few homes in Towson were left standing together. The Macgill house is located in one of the few sections remaining, where there is still much continuity between structures, and in their relationship to the natural environment.

Towson in the 19th century and for most of the 20th century, was basically a rural community. Although there is ample evidence of a community here in the late 18th and early 19th century, Towson's growth and development began in 1854, when it was selected as the Baltimore County Seat. The Macgill house was built between 1865-1876, (according to the deeds of title and given several years to the possibility of there being a structure on the lot before it was recorded) and consequently is a visual document of that first very important part of Towson's development.

One very interesting point about the house is its evolution. It is evident from the deeds, the structural analysis, and oral history, that it evolved in three parts. The first evolved between 1865-1876, the second between 1900-1920, and the third in the 1940s. It therefore reflects several different patterns of living which in turn reflect the growth and changes of Towson itself.

The first family (Macgill) was small. They owned only the dwelling, not the lot, subject to a ground rent, and from evidence found on early maps and deed and mortgage records, the house was built during the time they first occupied the lot. The Macgills took a mortgage out, under which they defaulted and the house was eventually sold by public sale. The property at this time included a "double frame dwelling" and stable, and it seems to have been given the name of Strontico Farm, as evident from the will of Mary C. Macgill. Evidence from the structure of both basement and attic reveal the house at this time to be a 2 story cross gable, 6 bays wide on the South facade, with another wing projecting to the rear. Stylistically, the most attention was given to its front/South facade. Located next to the Trinity Episcopal Church (d.1860) it has similar stylistic qualities of the Gothic Revival. The materials used

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson.
 Baltimore Historical Society
 Towson Public Library

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Diane Cohen/Volunteer

WAYNE L. NIELD, II
 HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

Historic Towson Inc.

DATE

11/20/77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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Resources

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Baltimore Election District 9

Tax Map #70a

Parcel #236

Block 6

Acreage: 76'x 250'x 78'x ?

Beginning for the same on the North side of Allegheny Ave at the Southwest corner of a lot of ground formerly owned and occupied by Dr. Jarrett and running thence Westerly binding on the North side of said Avenue seventy-six feet to the lot of ground belonging to Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church thence Northerly binding on the lot so owned by said Church 250' more or less to the Joppa Road or Old Court Road thence in an Easterly direction binding on said Joppa Road seventy-eight feet and thence Southerly in a straight line to the place of beginning.

Comprising all that lot of ground lying between the lot of ground owned by said Church on the West the Joppa Road on the North the lot of ground owned...

...formerly owned by Dr. Jarrett and a small lot of ground extending from the Jarrett lot to the said Joppa Road on the East and Allegheny Ave on the South. The improvements on said lot now being known as #104 Allegheny Ave.

Deeds of Title

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104-106 Allegheny Ave.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Reference</u>
10/30/1944	Elmer R. Haile	Edna P. & Lee J. Stebbins	Morgtage/Release	R.J.S. L.1360 f.570
6/24/1944	Elmer R. Haile (Trustee)	Edna P. & Lee J. Stebbins	Deed	R.J.S. L.1351 f.159
11/29/1943	John E. Raine Jr. (Assignee)	Taylor Land Co.	Deed	R.J.S. L.1337 f.248
9/2/1943	Frank J. Taylor (Executor)	Taylor Land Co.	Deed	R.J.S. L.1302 f.337
8/18/1943	Taylor Land Co.	John E. Raine Jr. (Attorney)	Assignment	L.McL.M. L.888 f.78
8/18/1943	Towson National Bank	Taylor Land Co.	Assignment	L.McL.M. L.888 f.78
10/15/1931	Mary C. Taylor	Towson National Bank	Morgtage/Default	L.McL.M. L.888 f.78
7/24/1900	Dennis M. Matthew et al	Mary C. & Irene M. Taylor	Deed	N.B.M. L.246 f.393
3/29/1900	Henry L. Bowen	Mary C. & Irene M. Taylor	Deed	N.B.M. L.243 f.376
9/16/1895	Charles S. Tinges	Henry L. Bowen	Deed	L.M.B. L.212 f.448
9/16/1895	Henry L. Bowen	Charles S. Tinges	Morgtage	L.M.B. L.201 f.82
9/14/1895	George H. Sargeant (Assignee)	Charles S. Tinges	Assignment	L.M.B. L.212 f.445
6/3/1895	David G. McIntosh	George H. Sargeant	"	Judicial L.M.B. L.152 f.308
2/12/1876	Mary C. Macgill	David G. McIntosh	Morgtage	J.B. L.65 f.288

Deeds of Title cont'd

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Reference</u>
6/28/1873	Washington Townsend & Elizabeth	Amos Mathews	Deed	E.H.A. L.81 f.499
7/1/1869	Washington Townsend & Elizabeth	Mary Carroll Macgill	Lease/Ground Rent	E.H.A. L.63 f.173
3/4/1862	Emos Smedley & Hannah H.	Washington Townsend	Deed	G.H.C. L.34 f.277

Additional Information

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<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Equity Case	6/19/1944	Docket #46 f.12
Public Sale	9/10/1943	L.McL.M. L.888 f.78
Equity Case	7/10/1895	Docket #13 f.220
Public Sale (Mortgagee's Sale)	6/4/1895	Maryland Journal 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 1895 Judicial L.M.B. L.152 f.308
Equity Case	6/3/1895	Judicial L.M.B. L.152 f.308

Will

Reference

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Mary Clare Macgill

L.8 f.411
1851-1900

Left to son Carroll G. Macgill and son in law Talbot J. Albert for the period of five years, the farm on which I now reside, and known by the name of Strontico

apptd Carroll g. Macgill and Albert trustees

give to granddaughter Mary Clare Carroll Howard-gold watch

Mm Grasnors daughter Mary-the silver cup (given to me by her father)

Rest of silver and all furniture to husband Oliver

silver candlesticks (left by brother Chas)

silver coffee pot and cream jug

Strontico Spring Co.

sealed on Sept. 23, 1887

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Tax LedgersYear

— Mary C. Macgill

1876

Lot on Allegheny Ave. Towsontown 76x250	760	
Lot on Washington Ave and Joppa Rd 40x100	320	
Improvements- double frame dwelling	3500	4580
stable		100
Furniture 800, Library 50, silver 50,	900	
Horse 75, cow 30, carriage 50	155	1055
		5735

Mary C. & Irene Taylor

1911

Lot N.S. Allegheny Ave. Towson, adj.	
Trinity P.E. Church- 80'	1335
Frame House	6000
Household Furniture	400
	7735

1918

Lots 80x282' N.S. Allegheny	
100' W. of "Washington" Towson."	2094
House 40x60- 14x16	6406
	8590

1923

Lot 80x282 Allegheny Ave 100 ft.	
from Washington Ave	2000
Dwelling	8500
1923 Cad Sed 1922	10500
1925 Cad Sed 1922	1200
	11700
1926 Garage	300
	12000
	1200
	10800

1928-1940

Lot 80x282 Allegheny Ave	2160
50' W. of Washington Ave	
Dwelling 8500, Garage 300,	8800
Furniture	500
	11460

1940

104 Allegheny Ave	
Lot (75x180) 75' on N. side Allegheny 200'	
E. of Baltimore	
Dwelling	4500
Garage	300

Tax Ledgers cont'd

Year

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Lee J. Stebbins

1948

104 Allegheny Ave

Lot 75x180' N.S. Allegheny Ave, 200' E of Baltimore

E. of Baltimore Ave

House #104 - 13800 Garage 300

Garage 1500 Storage Shed 250

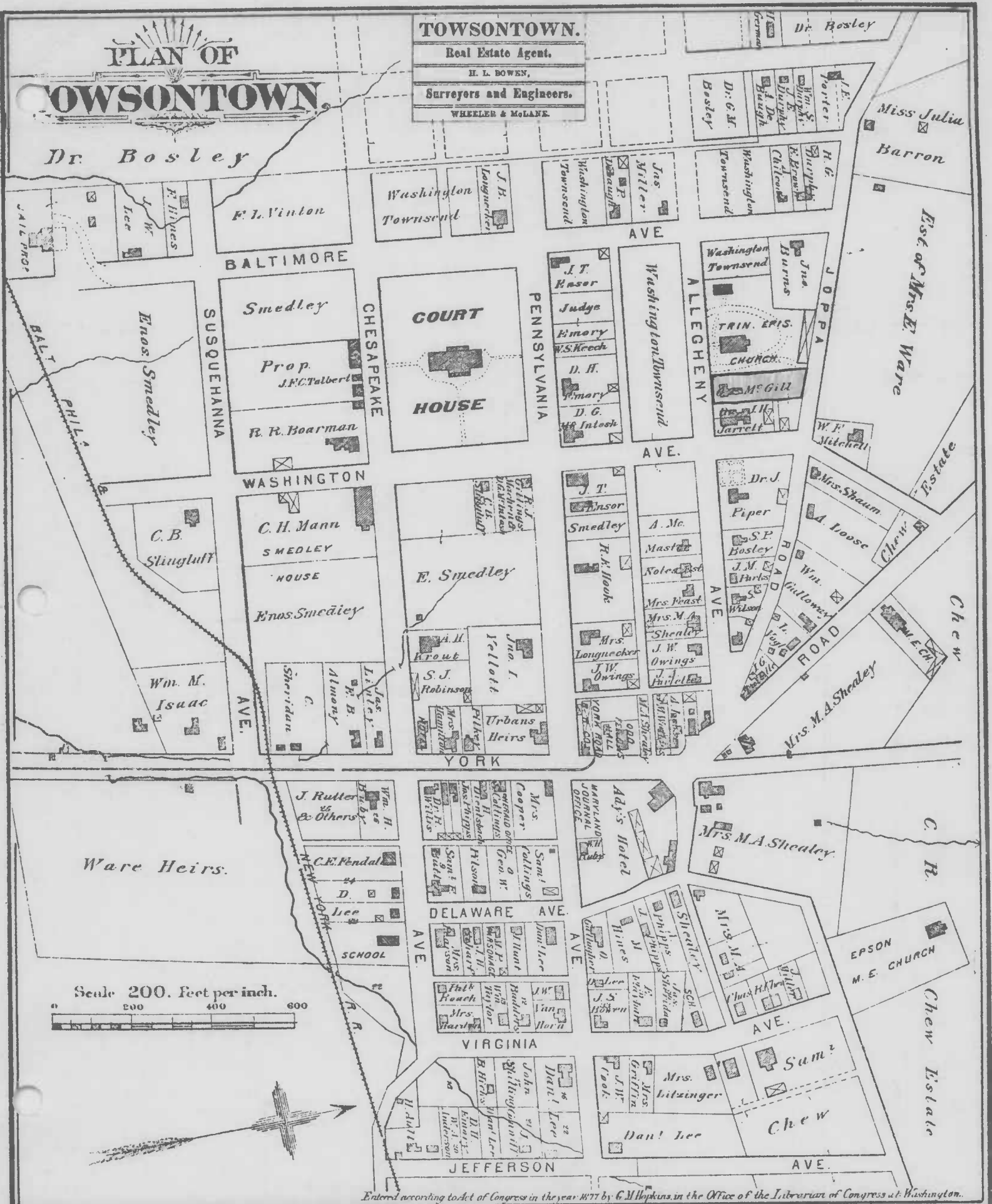
4 Car Garage & Apartment 2000

Land 2925- Improvements 17,850

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Real Estate Agent.
H. L. BOWEN,
Surveyors and Engineers.
WHEELER & MOLANE.

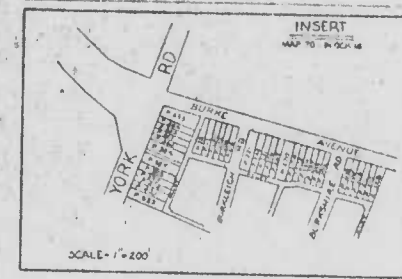
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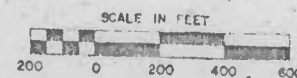
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WINTER 77-78



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